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Charges Dropped Against Salvadoran Murder Suspects

Charges against Ricardo Sol Meza and Hans Christ for the murders of Michael Hammer and Mark Pearlman, U.S. land reform specialists, have been dropped for lack of evidence. (See the issues of 7 January, 3 and 24 June, 2 September, and 28 October 1981.) The two were also accused of murdering the head of El Salvador's land reform program who was with Hammer and Pearlman at the time of the shooting. Christ has been free on bond in Miami while Sol Meza has been held in San Salvador [redacted]

Air India Hijackers Charged by South African Authorities

The South African Government has reversed its decision regarding bringing charges against the mercenaries involved in the Air India hijacking which followed the unsuccessful coup attempt in the Seychelles in November. (See the issue of 2 December.) The majority of the 45 mercenaries (originally reported as 44) are now in police custody in various parts of the Republic. The negative reaction of western nations to the initial decision to release the hijackers may have resulted in the reverse decision to charge and try the group. South Africa found itself in an embarrassing position for a country that regularly vehemently opposes offering refuge to terrorists [redacted]

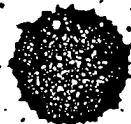
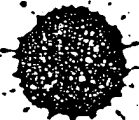
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